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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 28, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Mark A. Teslik, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Moline, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, accept our praise and thanks for Your help in times past in our individual and corporate lives.

Remind us that Your power is chiefly shown through acts of love and mercy in the day-to-day context of our present lives.

Direct and empower us, Mighty God, to be part of a present so marked by acts of love and mercy that the future of this country and the world might be shaped by Your love.

Bless the Members and staff of this House, their families, and all who visit here today with Your love and presence.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MANZULLO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute address to introduce the guest Chaplain. All other 1-minutes will be at the end of the legislative day.

INTRODUCING THE REVEREND MARK TESLIK OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, GUEST CHAPLAIN

(Mr. MANZULLO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure that the House has had its invocation given by the Reverend Mark Teslik of Rockford, Illinois. He is here with his wife, Annette, and son Tom, who are in the gallery just in front of me.

Mark was an Eagle Scout. He was an outstanding ROTC Cadet in Jefferson High School in Rockford, Illinois. He is a Ripon College 1976 graduate, with additional studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Mark served with the Third Armor in Germany and was a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He is a graduate of the Airborne School in Fort Benning, Georgia. He is a graduate of Lutheran Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul.

Mark underwent clinical pastoral training with residency at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove

Village, Illinois, and was ordained in 1984.

Mr. Speaker, he is the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Moline, Illinois, and chairman of the World Hunger Appeal Committee of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Mr. Speaker, we are honored today to have in our presence the Reverend Mark Teslik and we have been honored with his prayer for our country.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 539, which governs the debate on prescription drug coverage that we will engage in today, is it in order to consider the text of our Democratic proposal, H.R. 4770, to provide affordable, voluntary, and guaranteed Medicare prescription drug coverage to all seniors?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not respond to the content of a resolution before the House. That is determined during the course of the debate on the resolution.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I have another parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, is it a fact that in order to consider any substitute or alternative, Democratic or otherwise under this shutdown rule, that it would be impossible to do that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would give the same response, and that information can also be discerned during the course of debate on the rule.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, that is my understanding of the situation; that we would not be able to offer our substitute or any substitute on the floor

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